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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 24, 25, 27-30, 38 and 40-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by 41.2 No-Rub Multi-Domain TFT-LCD Using Surrounding-Electrode Method. The Examiner indicated that claims 6, 8 and 9 are allowed and claims 26 and 39 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 24 and 38 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 26 and 39, respectively. Accordingly, claims 6, 8, 9, 24, 27-30, 38 and 40-43 are pending in this application.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7413.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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